

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER # 15, 5th SERIES

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Administrative Order No. 15, 5th Series
Date of Implementation: January 1, 2021

In Re: ORDER APPOINTING BLUE EARTH COUNTY CONCILIATION COURT REFEREES

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2020, the Honorable Michelle A. Dietrich issued Fifth Judicial District Administrative Order No. 15, 4th Series, which appointed and authorized certain persons to act as referees in conciliation court in Blue Earth County; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 491A.03, subd. 1, permits the chief judge of the district to appoint one or more suitable persons to act as referees in conciliation court and to establish qualifications for the office, specify the duties and length of service of referees, and fix their compensation; and

WHEREAS, due to a shortage of court time in the Fifth Judicial District and a significant case backlog as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the appointment of referees to preside over conciliation court cases would continue to alleviate the delays in processing of other cases; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Maxwell, Joseph Bromeland, Andrew Moeller, and Wade Davis are suitable persons to act as referees in conciliation court.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Nicholas Maxwell, Joseph Bromeland, Andrew Moeller, and Wade Davis are appointed to act as referees in Blue Earth County conciliation court until they resign, they no longer meet the qualifications for the office, or further order of the court.
2. The referees shall not receive any compensation or remuneration for serving as a referee in conciliation court.
3. The referees shall be authorized to practice law in Minnesota and not have any record of public discipline by the Minnesota Lawyers Board of Professional Responsibility. In the event that a referee does not meet this qualification of the office, that referee shall immediately notify the district court administrator of Blue Earth County and the chief judge of the Fifth Judicial District.
4. The referees shall attend any training as requested by the district court judges of Blue Earth County.
5. The referees shall not preside over any matter that does not fall within the jurisdiction of the conciliation court as set forth in Minn. Stat. § 491A.01.

Gregory J. Anderson, Chief Judge
Fifth Judicial District